



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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Administers of the Parish

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

## Weekend Mass Times

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am

*We recognise the Traditional Owners of the land of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present.*



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

I look forward to our annual 'P&F Welcome BBQ' to be held this Friday 3rd March from 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome all families, new and old, to our school. The P&F along with the school staff invites everyone to join in the fun and enjoyment of catching up with friends and welcoming new families to our community in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere in the school grounds.

There is a free sausage sizzle, jumping castle and other fun activities for the children to enjoy. I thank those parents who have volunteered to facilitate the event and encourage parents to volunteer during the evening to fill any gaps that may arise.

### School Safety Procedures

This Friday the school will practice our lockdown and evacuation procedures. The rehearsal of safety procedures happens on several occasions each year so that everyone at school has the knowledge and experience to stay safe. Each class teacher will spend some time before Friday reminding their class of what to do for each routine.

### School Canteen

This week we had the first of our special lunch order days with a Subway Lunch Deal. This proved to be very popular and tremendously successful in the way all lunches were provided efficiently thanks to our band of volunteers.

I thank our Canteen organiser, Meagan Rose and all the parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen during the year. The school canteen functions through the generosity of our parent community volunteering their time and I am sure the children appreciate the support this wonderful service provides our school community. The Canteen operates Wednesday and Friday with the occasional special lunch order days.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## K-2 Parent Meeting- InitialLit Program

Last week I communicated to parents about the new InitialLit Program that is being used as part of the school's reading program that occurs daily across K-2 classrooms to ensure that all children get off to the best possible start.

To further explain the InitialLit program and the impact we are seeking to have on student learning, we are holding an information session for parents and carers of students from K-2 classes on Wednesday 8th March from 5:30pm.

Parents are welcome to attend the meeting in person at school in the school library or online via Zoom. For further details, parents can refer to the letter sent earlier this week via Compass.

## Kindergarten Visit

Our kindergarten students have all settled in very nicely to our school and I acknowledge and thank our kinder parents, their teachers and the Year 6 Buddies for their collective efforts to make it work out so smoothly. I am sure most families have got into a rhythm with their daily routines as I witness the children coming to school more confident and showing greater independence.

I am sure our Kinder parents have been speculating what school life is like for their child. I will be writing to the Kinder parents soon to provide information about upcoming opportunities for class visits.

Please Be Aware.

If your child is saying they are sick there is a good chance they are!!

There seems to be a nasty bug going around the school so please err on the side of caution.

If your child has vomited please keep them home for 24hrs after the last vomit!

Multiple children have been sent home today.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

## Dates to Remember

- Friday 3rd March - P & F Welcome BBQ - 5.00pm
- Wednesday 15th March - Naplan Begins
- Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Feast Day Mass
- Wednesday 22nd March - School Cross Country
- Thursday 23rd March - School Photos
- Friday 31st March- Easter Hat Parade -K, 1 & 2
- Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday & End of Term 1
- Friday 7th April - Good Friday
- Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

## Kindy and Year 6 Family Parish Mass

All families are invited to join Kindy and Year 6 at the first family parish mass for the Year on Sunday 12th March at 10:30am.

## Project Compassion

Why do we give during Lent? During Lent we are encouraged to give to others as a way of showing compassion to others. We are encouraged to give both materially and of our time. At St Patrick's we give through participating in the annual Project Compassion campaign for Caritas. Caritas is an aid agency of the Australian Catholic Church and is recognised as a charity in Australia working to eradicate poverty and injustice in campaigns across the globe.

We launched our fundraising efforts with a very successful pancake day and are continuing fundraising for Caritas Project Compassion Lent Appeal with 2 more exciting events in the next few weeks which will be led by our Mercy Action Group students.

Wednesday Week 6 (8th March) Colour For Caritas colouring in competition

Wednesday Week 9 (22nd March) Karaoke for Caritas

Each activity is by a gold coin donation.

Students in classrooms are learning about the various projects that Caritas is involved in around the world and how their donations help those less fortunate than us.

## Dish 14th March

Thank you to the wonderful people who have volunteered so far to support The Dish. We still need another 2-3 volunteers to help prepare meals for the 14th March. If you are able to help please complete the [Google Form](#)

## Parish News

Click on this link for the Kuringai Chase [Parish Bulletins](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Sunday 12th March](#) Kindergarten and Year 6 Parish Family Mass 10am St Patrick's Church

[Friday 17th March](#) St Patrick's Feast Day 9:30am

[Week 10 Monday 3rd-Thursday 6th](#) Daily Holy Week Prayer

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



We believe  
in keeping  
you safe!

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 5-6

We are safe learners who are at  
the right place, at the right time,  
doing the right task.

### Why is it important to develop this skill?

To build encouragement for all students, now that we are into the term it is important for them to think about their responsibility to be in the right place, at the right time, and doing the right task. Also, a reminder for children of their responsibility within the school to be safe learners.

This includes using the spaces on the playground and in the classroom in the right way, as well as their responsibility to be safe learners, following instructions and being where they should be at a particular time e.g. assembly lines, moving and transitioning in different parts of the school etc.

It is important to remind our older students to model this to our younger students.

### Am I on task?



Being responsible for their own schedule of  
getting ready in the morning.

How can I be safe at home,  
school, on transport etc?

Helping to make dinner or other  
chores at home.

### How can you help develop this at home?

Have a checklist or calendar at  
home so they feel a sense of  
responsibility of the tasks that  
need accomplishing through the  
week.

Playing safely with toys and in  
different spaces at home or in public.

Take care and be kind to yourselves,  
Hannah Fryar  
Wellbeing and Sports Coordinator

# NEWS FROM THE CLIC

## GUESS WHAT'S BACK...

Premier's Reading Challenge IS BACK.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The challenge is open to all children at St Patrick's from Kindy to Year 6.

The children keep a record of all the books they are reading from the PRC selected book list, their own collection and class books.. Don't forget to keep a record the books being read and enter them by the official website NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 : Home (det.nsw.edu.au). Have you forgotten your log in details? New to the school and need to be set up? I will do this for you and send it home so you can access all the information you may need. We are looking forward to seeing how many students will take on this challenge!



NSW Department of Education

## 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

More to Blue Here

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

**Key dates for students in K-6:**  
Challenge opens Monday 27 February  
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 18 August



Are you patient and get a thrill out of a perfectly contacted book? If this is, you I would LOVE your help.

We have MANY new books waiting to hit the shelves of the CLIC that need to be covered. Next Wednesday 8th I will be having a contacting working bee in the CLIC from 1.55pm. Please let the office know if you are able to join me.

Many Thanks Belinda Wickham



## Playgroup

Playgroup is up and running and will continue to run during the school term every Monday from 9-10:30am in our Parish Meeting Room. Playgroup offers a creative and nurturing environment and provides opportunities for unstructured play and story time for children up to the age of 5 years. It is a wonderful chance for pre-schoolers to get a feel of 'big school', and parents to find support. We look forward to seeing you there.



## PARISH NEWS

The Ku-Ring-Gai Parish is seeking to employ a casual Youth Coordinator working 4 hours per week. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, however you'll need to have availability for some weekends and evenings.

This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish. The Youth Coordinator works with the Parish team to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry.

To obtain a copy of the position description please email [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to  
[parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Applications close Friday 17 March.

The Ku-Ring-Gai Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a permanent, part-time Administration Assistant working two days per week.

The role plays an important part in the Parish team, with a wide range of responsibilities including general administrative tasks, working with the Parish team on Parish communications to profile and raise awareness of programs and ministries within the Parish, maintaining parish records including sacramental register updates, taking bookings for sacraments including baptisms and funerals, assisting with the setup of parish facilities for events and much more.

The ideal candidate will have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings, experience in an office administrative role, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite.

There is some flexibility with the working schedule however the role does require a physical presence in the office, with a preference for the working schedule to be Wednesdays and Thursdays

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Applications close Friday 24 March 2023.

**Children's Choir @ St Patrick's** would like to thank our parents for hosting the parish Coffee Corner after last Sunday's Mass where we talked to several parents about their children joining the choir. If your child is interested, bring them along to our next practice, this Friday. No Fees! No entrance requirements, just come!

**Children's Choir is open to:** anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish.

**Children's Choir sings at:** 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

**Children's Choir practices:** every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

**Interested?** Please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935

# P & F NEWS

## P&F News

We have some fantastic initiatives in the pipeline this year to support the school and community. Please remember to put your hand up for something during the year, because without the support of volunteers a lot of our events and initiatives won't be able to happen. Even if it is just an hour of your time, or a donation (could be cakes or craft materials etc.), it will make all the difference. Volunteering is good fun, and a great way to get to know other parents across the school.



## Subway lunch order day

The P&F organised a Subway lunch order day this week which was a fantastic success, with 170 sandwich orders. Thank you to the Surjadi family (Yr4) who provided the sandwiches and cookies from their Subway store on Hunter St, Hornsby. It's great to support businesses within our community. Thank you also to the jolly band of Stage 3 volunteers who had a great system for packing sandwiches and smashed it out in under an hour!

Stay tuned for the next lunch order day in late March...



## Welcome BBQ

We have our first community event this Friday. The Welcome BBQ is a fantastic way to welcome new families into the school, and come together as a group to socialise. You don't have to eat the BBQ to attend, there will be plenty of activities for the children to get involved with. All family members are welcome. We're still looking for some volunteers to help out with serving food, so please get involved on the evening with that if you can. The event starts at 5pm, but you can come at any time until it finishes at 7pm.



## P&F General Meeting

We will be holding a P&F General Meeting on Tuesday 21st March from 7pm. This will be held in person at the school as well as on Zoom for those that have little ones at home. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be having a special guest to speak on a parent related topic, details to be confirmed.

## Parents & Friends



## Uniform shop

We have had some interest in volunteers taking over the management of the uniform shop, and we're pretty close to confirming a team. Please see Florence and/or Fabiola in the shop on Wednesday or Friday morning to chat through the role if you're interested.



# ***VOLUNTEER UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATORS***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

## **Position Details**

- 2-4 hours per week
- Choose your own days to suit you
- Stock ordering online
- Prepare and distribute orders
- Open uniform shop for in-person collection
- Coordinating second hand sales



**More info:**  
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# OPENDAY


**SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023**  
**10AM - 1PM**


 Mercy Catholic College is part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay system. It is built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 - 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

 Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.

 The College is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families. We have integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programmes overseen by specialised staff who all work closely with students and families to support learning and flourishing.

 Recognising that student needs are diverse, curriculum and pedagogy is dynamic and responsive to accommodate different learning styles.

 Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.

 Outstanding results in 2022 HSC  
Mercy Catholic College is ranked in the top 15% in the state of NSW.

 The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.

 Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.



***Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning,  
to use their talents to be the very best they can be.***

*If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment.*



# WINE WOMEN AND SONG



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THE 2023 COMMUNITY GALA EVENT

M A R  
SATURDAY **11** AT 6 PM  
2023

HORNSBY RSL CLUB : 2 HIGH STREET

*Generously Supporting*



TICKETS: \$75

Includes Bubbles on arrival, two course meal, soft drink, raffle ticket

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# Easter Egg Hunt



3pm Easter Saturday April 8  
6 Royston Pde Asquith

Join us for a Puppet Show and  
Asquith's Biggest Easter Egg Hunt!

[stjohnsasquith.org.au/easter](http://stjohnsasquith.org.au/easter)



Asquith Girls High School



#EmbraceEquity

# International Women's Day Breakfast

Wednesday  
8 Mar 2023

7.00 am for 7.15am start - 8.30am

\$25.00/head

Register via our website RSVP for catering by Fri 3.3.2023

Supporting our sister school through Mahboba's Promise

# RAISING RESILIENT TEENS FRI 24 MARCH



Discover what makes teens tick and how to foster your child's emotional and social development.

**Colleen Hirst**, clinical psychologist and family therapist will give practical and fun tools to help nurture mental health and promote resilience and confidence in the "everyday" moments of life.



7PM-9.15PM INCLUDING SUPPER ST JOHN'S 6 ROYSTON PDE ASQUITH \$10/PERSON  
REGISTER: [STJOHNSASQUITH.ORG.AU/EVENTS](http://STJOHNSASQUITH.ORG.AU/EVENTS) OR PAY AT THE DOOR



**HORNSBY LIONS**



# Play netball in 2023 with the Hornsby Lions!

**New players welcome.**

**Active kids vouchers can be used.**

**The club trains at Montview Oval  
and plays at Pennant Hills Park,  
as part of the  
Hills District Netball Association.**



**Hornsby Lions Netball Club**

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## Welcome to Hornsby Lions Netball

We are a Not for Profit Club and we play at Pennant Hills in the Hills District Netball Association (HDNA). The club was created in the early 2000's and has grown over the years. We are a close, family oriented club and welcome any new members.

[Register Here](#)



**Registrations close  
15 March 2023**

**Visit our website:**

[www.hornsbylionsnetball.com.au](http://www.hornsbylionsnetball.com.au)

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RSL CLUB**



# REGISTER WITH ASQUITH FC TODAY!

Get a group of friends together to play with The Friendly Club

Asquith FC caters for all skill levels from beginner to Academy with Junior and Youth teams available in all ages from U6 - U18.

## U6 & U7 \$0 REGO FEES

when you apply your Active Kids Voucher



## GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

Join the Friendly Club - Aust and NZ will host the 2023 Women's World Cup and this is her chance to join the fun with her friends.

All new U8-U18 female registrations receive a \$50 rebel voucher. Conditions apply.

Sapphires (U6-U11) • Girl's Youth (U12-U18)  
Women's All Age • Women's O35

*The Friendly Club*

For further information  
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